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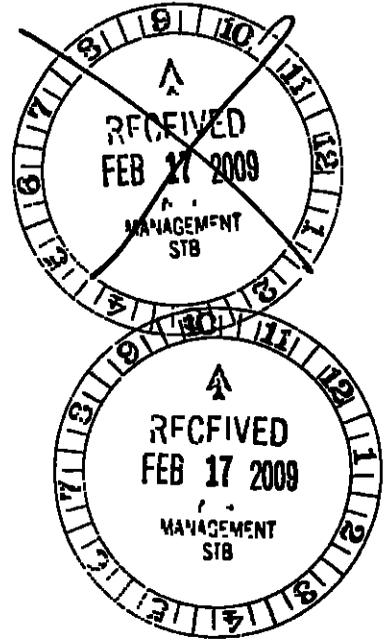
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms Anne Quinlan, Acting Secretary
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Re Docket No AB-506 (Sub-No 1X), Proposed Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company
Abandonment in Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan

Dear Ms Quinlan

Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Company agrees with the request for extension of an
NITU by the Department of Natural Resources as set forth in their December 12, 2009
correspondence to the STB

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions

Very truly yours,

Thomas J Healey,
Attorney for Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company

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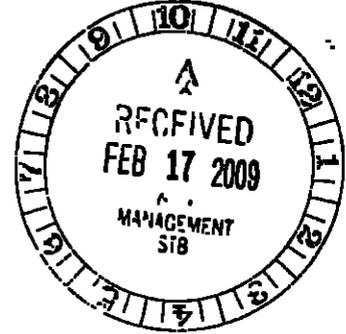
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February 12, 2009

The Honorable Anne K Quinlan, Esq
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Subject Proposed Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company Abandonment in Dickinson County,
MI—STB Docket No AB-506 (Sub-No 1X)

Dear Ms Quinlan.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) hereby respectfully requests a 180-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of August 19, 2008 The MDNR and the Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company (SSMB) are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 180 days

Sincerely,

James Radabaugh
State Trails Coordinator
Recreation and Trails
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management
517-373-1276

JR/at

cc Mr Thomas J Healey, Sault Ste Marie Bridge Company
Mr Robert Fowler, Rail Property Management
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